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Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Seizures

The goal of this data dictionary is to provide insight into how users should read and analyze the raw data available for download.

I. Tips when working with IPR Seizure data:

1. Statistical information is subject to change due to corrections, systems' changes, change in data definition, additional information, or seizures pending final review.
2. Data is only available for Canada (CA), China (CN), Hong Kong (HK), Singapore (SG), Turkey (TR), and "Other Countries." "Other Countries" includes all other countries not listed.
3. A seizure may be composed of multiple products. For example, a seizure of an express consignment package may contain counterfeit belts, watches, and shoes. Users can leverage Unique Seizure ID and Line to achieve the desired level of granularity:
 - a. *Unique Seizure ID*: counts the number of distinct IDs to determine the number of shipments (e.g., cargo, express consignment package, mail) seized
 - b. *Count of Lines*: shows the unique counterfeit products that were seized within a shipment; the count of lines is not equal to the quantity of products seized
 - c. Each seizure consists of one or more line items, similar to an invoice. A line item represents one type of seized product differentiated by either product or brand name. For example, two different line items can be Brand Y Shirt or Brand X Shirt. Another example of two different line items is Brand A Pants and Brand A Shoes. The line item is not equal to the piece count of products in a seizure. For example, one line item of Brand A Pants could have a corresponding piece count of eight pairs of pants.
4. A seizure may be composed of multiple products from multiple countries. For example, counterfeit belts and watches from China may be mixed with counterfeit belts from Hong Kong. Therefore, the count of unique seizures by trading partner may be greater than the count of unique seizures.
5. Section III lists a full table of product subcategories and examples of items seized.

II. Data Dictionary

1. Data Source: Seized Asset and Case Tracking System (SEACATS)
2. Data Elements:

Data Variable	Description	Examples
FY	The fiscal year the seizure took place	2019 2020
Trading Partner	The country (abbreviated) from which the products originate and/or are exported from	CA CN HK SG TR Other Countries
Mode of Transportation	The method used to ship the products to the U.S.	Cargo Express Consignment Mail



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		Other
Centers of Excellence	The Centers of Excellence and Expertise (Centers) serve as resources to the broader trade community and to CBP's U.S. government partners. Centers are strategically positioned to perform post-summary processing of entry summaries, answer questions, provide information, and develop comprehensive trade facilitation strategies to address uniformity and compliance concerns. CBP has designated the 10 Centers to cover a specific industry spectrum.	Apparel, Footwear & Textiles Consumer Products & Mass Merchandising Electronics
Product	The subcategory of counterfeit product that was seized	Consumer Electronics Footwear Wearing Apparel/Accessories
Unique Seizure ID	A unique identifier for each counterfeit shipment seized ¹	201901000049 201901000050 201901000051
Count of Lines ²	Identifies the number of distinct counterfeit products seized within a shipment	(Discrete variable)
MSRP	The Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of the products seized in U.S. Dollars if the product had been genuine.	(Continuous variable)

III. Examples of seizures

This table provides examples of seizures for each product type. The dashboard on CBP.gov consolidates the following product types into "Other Products:" Ball Bearings, Cigarettes, Food, Labels/Tags, Optical Media, and Other.

Product	Examples of Seizures
Automotive/Aerospace	Air bags, e-bikes, key fobs
Ball Bearings	Ball bearings
Cigarettes	E-cigarettes, nicotine pods
Computers/Accessories	Hard drives, computer screens, keyboards
Consumer Electronics	Speakers, headphones, batteries, power cords
Consumer Products	Phone cases, game controllers, video games
Food	Energy drinks, condensed milk, whiskey, baby formula
Footwear	Sandals, sneakers, slippers, boots
Handbags/Wallets	Purses, clutches, duffle bags
Labels/Tags	Branded tags, decals, stickers
Optical Media	Blu Ray, DVDs, software CDs
Other	Bed sheets, blankets, floor mats, water filters
Pharmaceuticals/Personal Care	Medicines, contact lenses, eye glasses, makeup, lotions, toothpaste

¹For the purposes of this dataset, the unique ID is generated specifically for CBP.gov and are not used in CBP systems of record. See the note in Section I.3 for more information about how to use this field.

² Multiple items may be seized from a shipment. See the note in Section I.3 for more information about how to use this field.



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Sporting Goods	Golf clubs, optic sights, soccer balls
Toys	Plush toys, playing cards, figurines
Watches/Jewelry	Watches, necklaces, bracelet
Wearing Apparel/Accessories	T-shirts, jeans, jerseys